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ESTIMATING THE INITIAL SIZE OF A POPULATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, IN  
PARTICULAR BY PCR

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Submitted herewith is a copy of the references listed on the PTO-1449 Form and in the International Search Report, copies of which were filed with the application on April 4, 2006. Also attached is a copy of the French Search Report issued in connection with FR 04 12471. Return of an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed April 4, 2006, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, is requested.

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